

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2497 - SB 2792

February 25, 1998

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Department of Children's Services to report to law enforcement any allegation of child brutality, abuse, neglect, or child sexual abuse if a child protective team does not start an investigation of allegations within seven days of the initial report. The investigation becomes the responsibility of the law enforcement agency who will report their results to the Department of Children's Services and continue their investigation as necessary.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures* - Exceeds \$1,000,000

Assumes approximately 6,000 abuse cases will be referred, after seven days, to law enforcement agencies for investigations and a minimum of 50 additional law enforcement officers and associated equipment will be needed.

*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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